State Senator

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## **SOLVING FLOODING PROBLEMS IN STRATFORD**

When it rains, Stratford has a problem with flooding – both in Lordship and in the center of town. I have proposed legislation in the General Assembly to provide funding to stop flooding like we have experienced with recent storms. My proposal has received bi-partisan support, and I expect an additional \$50 million to be available to towns like Stratford later this year to begin infrastructure improvements to solve flooding.

The recent storms have demonstrated we need to take action to protect both our homes and our roads from flooding. When Stratford gets hit with the combination of heavy rain and high tide, many of our roads and homes get overrun with water.

My legislation will provide funding to build infrastructure to prevent flooding. The latest proposal sets up a \$50 million grant program for towns. Stratford and other coastal towns are going to be prime candidates to receive funds from this grant. The funds can be used for improved drainage, tidal regulations, re-routing rivers – all items that could help Stratford.

My proposal has been included in Senate Bill 1119, which will utilize state bonds to provide the \$50 million to municipalities through the grant program. I am proud to have both Republicans and Democrats supporting my proposal, and to have government do some real problem solving for our families.

I will be working with Stratford to apply for this flooding grant once the funding is approved. Stratford can use the funding to improve drainage on Main Street and in the center of town, and to implement tidal regulators and other control mechanisms to prevent flooding from Long Island Sound.

If you want more information on my flooding proposal, or if there is anything I can do for you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me at (800) 842-1421 or at <a href="mailto:dandebicella@cga.ct.gov">dandebicella@cga.ct.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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